



**PERMANENT DELEGATION  
OF THE REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA  
TO THE OSCE**

**STATEMENT**

Delivered by H.E. Mr. Valeriu Chiveri, Ambassador, Head of Permanent Delegation of the Republic of Moldova to the OSCE, at the Permanent Council Meeting  
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*In response to the Report presented by Ms. Dunja MIJATOVIC  
OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media*

Mr. Chairperson,

We would like to warmly welcome the OSCE Representative of Freedom of the Media, Ms Dunja Mijatovic, to the Permanent Council and to share words of appreciation already voiced by previous speakers for the good work conducted by her and her able staff. The Representative detailed Report presents the challenges and outlines positive developments vis-à-vis freedom of expression and free media in the OSCE participating states, portraying the complexity and importance of the issue at hand.

In this context, we welcome the attention the Representative pays, among other participating States, to the developments in the Republic of Moldova, as they pertain to freedom of the media. Acknowledging the importance of this area as a building stone for an open and democratic society, the Moldovan Government is fully committed to uphold and promote media freedom as well as to maintain an open dialogue with the Special Representative's Office on that matter. Moreover, the security aspects in the context of the journalistic activity are an important component of these efforts.

As to the concrete cases mentioned in Ms Mijatovic's report concerning Moldova, the voiced concerns were addressed through the Deputy Prime Minister's letter to the RFoM's Office, dated June 14<sup>th</sup>, as well as Moldovan Delegation detailed information, presented on May 17<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Chairperson,

In conclusion, let me underline our strong support of the Representative's mandate and activities, as well as our determination to keep the communication with the RFoM's Office as open and productive as possible. We thank Ms Mijatovic for accepting our invitation to visit Moldova and we are looking forward to continue our fruitful cooperation on media issues.

Thank you.